

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-90.

Please add the following new claims:

1 91. (New) A nonwoven laminate comprising two layers of tufted material having a plurality of projections, each surrounded by a valley, wherein the plurality of projections are configured to form an identifiable pattern and are oriented towards each other to produce an internally tufted laminate in which opposing projections are in contact and at least some of the opposing projections are bondable to one another, wherein opposing valleys form a void volume between the two layers of tufted material and the nonwoven laminate does not contain elastic materials or fibers between the two layers of tufted material.

2 92. (New) The laminate of claim 91 wherein at least one of the two layers of tufted material has a bi-layer structure.

3 93. (New) The laminate of claim 92 comprising two bi-layer structures, wherein each bi-layer structure comprises a layer of the tufted material and an outer layer of nonwoven composite material.

4 94. (New) The laminate of claim 93 wherein the nonwoven composite material is coform.

5 95. (New) The laminate of claim 94 wherein the tufted material is comprised primarily of meltblown polymer.

6 96. (New) The laminate of claim 95 wherein the meltblown polymer is a polyolefin

selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene polybutylene, copolymers, and mixtures and blends thereof.

7 97. (New) The laminate of claim 91 wherein the two layers of tufted material are thermally bonded.

8 98. (New) The laminate of claim 91 wherein the two layers of tufted material are located between two outer layers of nonwoven material.

9 99. (New) An absorbent sheet comprising:
an internally tufted laminate having at least two layers of tufted material located between at least two outer layers, the at least two layers of tufted material having opposing bondable individual projections oriented inwardly and configured to form an identifiable pattern, wherein a valley surrounds each of the individual projections and opposing valleys form a void volume between the at least two layers of tufted material, wherein the absorbent sheet does not contain elastic materials or fibers between the at least two outer layers; and
an added liquid to provide suitable wiping properties.

10 100. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 99 wherein the added liquid is selected from the group consisting of water, emollients, surfactants, fragrances, preservatives, chelating agents, pH buffers and combinations thereof.

11 101. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 100 further comprising additives selected from the group consisting of lotions, medicaments, and combinations thereof.

12 102. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 99 wherein the absorbent sheet is a personal care wet wipe.

13 103. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 100 wherein the sheet is disposable.

14 104. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 99 wherein each individual projection measures between about three (3) mm and about five (5) mm in length.

15 105. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 99 wherein each individual projection measures at least about one (1) mm in length.

16 106. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 99 wherein each individual projection measures at least about two (2) mm in length.

17 107. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 99 wherein each individual projection measures at least about three (3) mm in length.

18 108. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 99 wherein the identifiable pattern is substantially uniform.

19 109. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 99 wherein an additional elastic or non-elastic layer is located adjacent to the at least two outer layers.

20 110. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 99 wherein the opposing projections are in contact with each other.

21 111. (New) An absorbent sheet comprising:
an internally tufted laminate comprised of a plurality of individual projections located on at least two layers of material and configured to have an identifiable pattern, wherein each individual projection is bondable and surrounded by a valley and oriented inwardly towards an opposing projection, wherein opposing valleys form a void volume between the at least two layers and each projection measures at least about one (1) mm in length; and
an added liquid to provide suitable wiping properties.

22 112. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 111 wherein each individual projection

measures at least about two (2) mm in length.

23 113. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 111 wherein each individual projection measures at least about three (3) mm in length.

24 114. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 111 wherein each individual projection measures between about three (3) mm and about five (5) mm in length.

25 115. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 111 wherein the identifiable pattern is substantially uniform.

26 116. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 111 wherein the opposing projections are in contact with each other.

27 117. (New) The absorbent sheet of claim 11 wherein the at least two layers of material are inner layers located between at least two outer layers.